

SMS Beginner Band

Fall 2015



Come Be A Part of the Fun & Success!

You are invited to come be a part of the fun and success in your middle school band program!

Students not only learn to perform on musical instruments, but they also learn the essentials of teamwork, self-motivation, self-discipline, individual responsibility, and social skills that prove to be effective in any career, sport, or other activity.

Students are offered instruction beginning in the 6th & 7th grade on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion*.

Beginning instruction is only offered in the 6th & 7th grade.

Hopefully, many of your questions about signing up, acquiring an instrument, and requirements for participation will be answered by reading this publication thoroughly.

This information is also available at the website or e-mail contact below:

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Stanford University researchers found for the first time that musical training improves how the brain processes the spoken word, a finding that researchers say could lead to improving the reading ability of children who have dyslexia and other reading problems.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesdays 2-3

2:00-3:00pm

Brass players only.

Thursdays 2-3

2:00-3:00pm

Woodwind players
only.

Thursdays

3:30-4:30pm

Everyone together.
(Brass + Woodwinds)





Things To Keep In Mind

Just like a sports team, not everyone can play the same position. Not everyone who “really wants to” play a certain instrument will be able to do so. Instrument selection will be based on recommendation of the faculty and director, physical characteristics, and instrument availability.

No prior experience or knowledge is necessary to join the band. Your child will be taught from scratch.

Discuss with your child the importance of staying committed to the band for at least one year to see the real joys and experience of being in the band.

Will Being in Band Affect my Child's Grades?

YES-research shows that participation in band will affect your child's grades **for the better!**

On average, students who participate in school music organizations score 89 points high on standardized tests like the SAT (U.S.) than students without musical coursework.

Also, 70% of U.S. universities report that participation in a musical organization is a higher consideration than test scores for admission.



Nelly
Furtado —
Singer
Trombone



Drew
Carey –
Actor
Trumpet



Vince
Carter –
Memphis
Grizzlies
Baritone



Halle Berry –
Oscar
Winning
Actress
Flute

How Much Will This Cost?

Being in band does cost some money. A fee of \$75 for the entire school year covers the rental of the instrument, music book, and all necessary accessories and supplies.

How Much Time Will This Take?

Beginning band students are only required to participate in one or two concerts during the school year depending on the director's requirements.

Beyond that, other opportunities for students to participate may include Solo & Ensemble Festival as well as private lessons, both of which may be highly encouraged by the director.

Students may also be required to engage in regular home practice routines like having homework from a “regular” class; however, home practice requirements usually range from 20 to 30 minutes per day for five days which leaves plenty of time for participation in other activities and schoolwork.

Students' progress and success is determined by what

Can My Child Participate in Band & Other Activities?

YES!!! - Not only is participation in other organizations possible – it is highly **ENCOURAGED!!** However, it is important to remember that commitment to the schedule outlined earlier and practice time throughout the full school year is necessary. Many of the skills each student will learn in band (teamwork, group accountability, etc.) will be GREAT assets toward their participation in athletic programs or any other organization. In fact, many great athletes, actors, professional